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1. On 18 September 1952, an officer of the Soviet transport control headquarters in Erfurt ordered that the carrying capacity, within a twenty-four-hour-period, of railroad lines of the Erfurt railroad district leading to Hebra, Fulda, Kassel and the Spangenberg railroad station in Upper Franconia, with due consideration to the capacity of double track lines in Western Germany, be determined immediately.
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- a. Chief inspectors who are responsible for the operating efficiency will be attached to the East German Ministry of Traffic, the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, the regional railroad headquarters, and the various railroad subdistrict offices.
- b. Missions assigned to these inspectors include the checking of railroad operations with regard to safety, of the physical status of railroad installations and equipment, the enforcement of safety principles in railroad construction designs, and the observance of the protection of workers in railroad shops.²
3. Effective early September, access to railroad installations will be allowed only on presentation of written orders. The serial numbers of identity cards and official railroad passes of the bearers will have to be entered on these documents.³

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5. In late September, [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] eight special railroad cars with a load capacity of 90 tons are manufactured daily at the plant. The cars, which have an empty weight of 42.5 tons are fitted with heavy steel rings instead of side walls. The plant management expects to receive an order for the manufacture of 2,000 such cars in 1953.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. Bebra, Fulda, and Kassel are major railroad junctions. But Spangenberg is a minor railroad station west of Eschwege. The order is of interest.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The new organizational set-up of the East German Railroads, which went into effect on 1 August 1952, envisaged the establishment of a safety inspection within the Main Group "Organization and Safety". [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The tightening of security measures was reported previously.

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[redacted] Comment.

5. It is believed that this information refers to the "Evm type heavy duty flatcars, which can carry two tanks [redacted] In 1952, a total of 1,600 such cars was scheduled to be built [redacted]

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